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LEADING THE NEWS

EPA Completes Work on New Lead Rules, White House Reviewing

By David Schultz

The Environmental Protection Agency has sent its new regulations on lead in drinking water to the White House for final review, a milestone the agency has never reached before during the nearly eight years it's been struggling to overhaul these regulations.

Carbon Tax Is Tough Sell for Climate-Friendly Republicans

By Tiffany Stecker

All eyes are on Utah Republican Sen. Mitt Romney to lend support to a political third rail for his party: a nationwide tax on carbon.

Ocean Changes Inspire Bold Climate Push From Oregon's Bonamici

By Maya Goldman

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) has already observed damaging environmental changes at home—like the change in seawater chemistry that is harming her state's shellfish industry.

Carmakers Urge Trump to Reach Emissions Deal With California (2)

By Chester Dawson (Bloomberg) and Jennifer A. Dlouhy (Bloomberg)

A group of major domestic and foreign automakers has formally asked President Donald Trump to restart talks with California over vehicle emission regulations, saying that failing to reach a unified national standard could destabilize the industry and hamper investment.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

EPA Issues Guidelines Meant to Curb State Pipeline Blockades

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

The EPA issued guidelines governing how state regulators should vet water quality impacts of proposed projects within their borders -- a bid to rein in New York and other states that have used the authority to block pipelines and other energy projects.

Energy Commission at Odds Over Who Among Them Is More Partisan

By Stephen Cunningham

Since day one, Neil Chatterjee has fended off criticism that he is too partisan to lead the politically independent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. But the real ideologue on the commission is Democrat Rich Glick, according to Chatterjee.

Park Official Violated Procurement Regulations to Buy Art

By Bobby Magill

An unidentified National Park Service official participated in buying a \$39,000 painting for a national park in a scheme that helped the artist avoid a federal tax garnishment, an Interior Department inspector general report released June 7 found.

CAPITOL HILL

House Democrat Introduces Anti-Pebble Mine Budget Rider

By Stephen Lee

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) introduced an amendment to a roughly \$1 trillion spending package expected to go to the House floor next week that would at least temporarily block the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska, a Huffman aide said.

CLIMATE

Kids' Climate Suit Could Be 'Trial of the Century' (Podcast)

By David Schultz

The eyes of many in the legal world are glued to a lawsuit from a group of children who are suing the federal government over climate change.

Green Finance Is Now \$31 Trillion and Growing

By Reed Landberg, Annie Massa, and Demetrios Pogkas

Climate change may still be a matter of debate for some politicians, but investors are increasingly decisive.

AIR, WATER, AND WASTE

Longline Fishing Permit Said to Put Leatherback Turtles at Risk

By Porter Wells

The National Marine Fisheries Service improperly granted a permit allowing commercial longline fishing in U.S. waters known to be populated by endangered Leatherback turtles, the Center for Biological Diversity says.

CHEMICALS

Mustangs Should Be Returned After Sterilization Plan Nixed: Suit

By Porter Wells

The long term stability of wild horse herds in eastern Oregon has been compromised by a recent government decision to not return 779 mustangs, a new suit alleges.

INSIGHT

INSIGHT: Ten Ways Machine Learning Will Transform the Practice of Law

Law firms are increasingly using machine learning and artificial intelligence, which have become standard in document review. Dorsey & Whitney's Caroline Sweeney says any firm that wants to stay competitive should get on board now and gives examples for use and best practices.

FROM THE STATES

Michigan Approves Consumers Energy Plan to Retire Coal Plants

By Alex Ebert

Michigan regulators have approved Consumers Energy Co.'s plans to close a coal-fired plant and add more renewable energy to its portfolio.

Washington Sues EPA Over Lowered Water Quality Standards

By Porter Wells

Washington State isn't happy with a recent EPA decision to revise the state's water quality standards to make them less protective, and has let the agency know by way of a lawsuit.

Enbridge Sues to Keep Michigan Oil and Gas Tunnel Deal Alive

By Alex Ebert

Staring down the barrel of a lawsuit from Michigan's attorney general, Enbridge Inc. announced it will sue first to save its proposal for an oil and gas pipeline that burrows beneath Lake Michigan.

Automakers Urge Trump Admin., Calif. to Resume Emissions Talks

By Ben Livesey and Ryan Beene

Automakers, including Ford, General Motors, Honda, Nissan, Toyota and Volkswagen, write President Trump asking the federal government to resume discussions with California over vehicle emissions regulations.

New York State Pension Weighs Climate Change in Investments

By Keshia Clukey

New York state's \$210.2 billion pension fund could go as far as divesting from companies that fail to address climate risks, according to a long-term plan released June 6 by state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli (D).

West Virginia's High Court Finds Driller Trespassed

By Andrew M. Ballard

West Virginia's highest court has ruled that a natural gas company was trespassing when it used a property to drill into reserves in neighboring tracts.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Brazil Launches Monitoring Effort to Reduce Urban Air Pollution

By Michael Kepp

Brazil has launched a program to combat urban air pollution centered on installing air quality measurement and monitoring systems in the country's 27 state capitals.

German Coal Exit Hits Political Turbulence Impacting Timeline

By William Wilkes and Brian Parkin

The clock is ticking on Germany's current plan to stop burning coal, with open questions and political turbulence complicating a looming first round of plant closures.

Canada Considers Near-Total Ban on Chlorpyrifos Pesticide

By James Munson

Canada is considering a near-total ban on agricultural uses of chlorpyrifos, one of the most widely used insecticides in the country.

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